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In re Application of:

TOSHIHISA INOUE, ET AL.

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For: **ION ACTIVITY-MEASURING DEVICE AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

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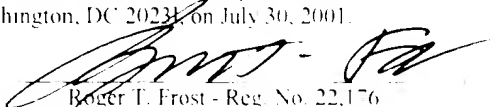
Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated June 28, 2001, the applicants traverse the finding that the Preliminary Amendment in this application failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000. That amendment became effective for amendments filed on March 1, 2001 or later. However, the Preliminary Amendment in this application was submitted December 5, 2000 with the request to enter the national phase. Accordingly, that amendment met the formal requirements in effect at the time of its filing.

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